

Preaching today

AM: BILL ELLIOTT

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ATTENDANCE STATS.

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP: 114

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP: 72

WEDNESDAY EVENING: 54

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS: R3 592.35

WEEKLY BUDGET: R3 500.00

SERVING ROSTER

Today – 29th Jan. '06

SINGING

am – Mike Baisley

pm – Mike Baisley

OPENING PRAYER

am – Justin Le Roux

pm – Ivan Engelbrecht

LORD'S TABLE

am – Rodney Share

pm – Gavin Baisley

SCRIPTURE READING

am – Dan Harding

pm – Quinton Le Roux

CLOSING PRAYER

am – Jason Le Roux

pm – Jason Le Roux

FLOWERS

Louise Crossley

Next Week – 5 Feb. '06

SINGING

am – Rodney Share

pm – Rodney Share

OPENING PRAYER

am – Braam Le Roux

pm – Chester Woodhall

LORD'S TABLE

am – Adriaan le Roux

pm – Con Badenhorst

SCRIPTURE READING

am – Quinton le Roux

pm – Quinton Le Roux

CLOSING PRAYER

am – Justin Le Roux

pm – Basil Baisley

FLOWERS

Sandra Engelbrecht

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Quinton Le Roux 30th, Wilson Crossley, Thulani Sikwana and Sireena Zitzke 31st January.

.Mathew Minnie 1st February

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - None

Church Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday : 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Service Times: Sunday Bible Study and Sunday School: 9.00 am, **Sunday Services:** 10.00 am and 6.30 pm

Mid-Week Bible Study: Wednesday : 7.00 pm, **Last Wednesday of each Month - Singing**

Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study: Wednesday: 10.00 am



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The Use of "Truth" in the Bible

Last Sunday morning, we began considering the question, "What's the Truth about Truth?" I told you that the word "truth" appears about 91 times in the Old Testament and 109 times in the New Testament in the 1977 New American Standard Version (NASV) of the Bible.

I presented a variety of views that held concerning the word "truth." The views I discussed were that truth is:

- A. A matter of personal, individual, or private interpretation;
- B. Cultural, national, or ethnic in nature;
- C. Dependent upon the period, age, or era under consideration;
- D. Abstract and indeterminable by anyone; or
- E. Determined merely by one's sincerity and honesty.

I dealt with all the preceding views, but I spent the most time on the last one. I discussed four specific men in the scripture who were sincere and honest, but lost.

Saul of Tarsus (later known as the Apostle Paul) was lost because he seemed to be ignorant of Jesus and His teaching, even taking aggressive legal action against His followers in the name of the God of Israel – Jesus' Father.

The Ethiopian Eunuch was lost because he was seeking to learn about God through Jewish worship and the reading of the Old Testament prophet Isaiah, though he recognized that he needed guidance to understand.

Cornelius was a Roman soldier described as devout, God-fearing, benevolent, and prayerful. Nevertheless, he was lost because he needed to hear Peter speak "words to you by which you will be saved..."

Next was Apollos, a man described as eloquent, mighty in the Scriptures, fervent in spirit, and teaching accurately and boldly the things concerning Jesus. However, Apollos was acquainted only with the baptism of John, not the baptism of Jesus. Many today are a lot like Apollos, knowing a lot about Christ, but not fully acquainted with Him and His teaching. They need to have the way of God explained to them more fully, as Priscilla & Aquila did for Apollos. God no longer overlooks ignorance. (Acts 17:30)

How sad it will be in the judgment for many to whom Jesus will say, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness." (Matthew 7:23) I personally consider this to be among the scariest verses in the Bible. To think that some will spend their whole life thinking they have faithfully served Jesus, only to find out that they had been deceived by the false teaching - perhaps by well meaning, blind guides - is a most distressing truth. The only way to avoid hearing those awful words from Jesus is to take an objective and honest look into the word of God for the answers to the questions of life.

Today we will look at a prepared list of 28 different appearances of the word "truth" in the Bible, and at least 17 more passages that either contain the word or clearly relate to the subject. Next week we will address the question, "What's the Truth about False?"

In Christian Love

Bill Elliott

PRAYER REQUESTS

Basil Baisley and family, Chris Blom and family, May de Bruin. Expectant mom Genevieve Britz on the pending arrival of her first child. Gaby Le Roux's sister, Erika Kuhn who is undergoing chemo-therapy. Travelling mercies for Kristal Brandstetter as she returns to Durban.

VISITORS

Thank you for coming to worship with us. Every one of you is very special to us and to God Himself. Please speak to one of our members if you have an interest in our Bible studies or pastoral counselling services.

NEWS

BAPTISM

On Monday evening of this week, 23rd January, about 9:00 PM, four souls were added to Heaven's Role. Carla Gordon and Natasha, Christian, and Shizelle Herman were baptized into Christ by Mike Baisley, who had been studying with them. We rejoice at their decision to call on the name of the Lord. They have embarked on a difficult and narrow path toward to an end that Satan does not want to see them complete. Let us do all that we can to help them defeat him. Be sure to welcome them into the fellowship of believers and encourage them to walk faithfully and fully in the steps of the Master for all time.

- Lee Anne Emerson become a grand mother to Tyrel, born on Monday 23rd January.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Donations of books are requested to enable us to establish a children's library. All donations are welcome. Books for young children up to teenagers. Please see Penny Richardson for details.

BILL ELLIOTT'S NEW CELL NUMBER

Bill Elliott now has what he hopes will be a "permanent" cell phone number while here in East London. It is 084-727-8853. Please add this number to your directory. Additionally, Bill is here at the building most days, where you may call him at 043-721-0398.

MEN'S SERVING ROSTER - 2006

The new men's serving roster has been drawn up and posted on the Bulletin Board. Should you have indicated your willingness to serve, please diarize your serving dates.

BENEVOLENCE AND FUND RAISING

Thank you very much to all those who have helped with our Benevolence Ministries. Please continue to do so, as these people are in great need of the love of Christians and of Christ himself.

RECIPE BOOK: Erika Roberts is planning to publish a church recipe book to raise funds for the purchase of kitchen equipment. Members are requested to forward their favourite recipe(s) to Erika for inclusion in the recipe book. The target date for publication is June 2006.

HUNGRY HARRY: For next week – Baked Beans/Sweet Corn & Coffee 100gr

calendar of upcoming events

SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY – Tea after evening Service. Those on duty are P: Thelna, Myra and Kirsten.

MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY – Men's Business Meeting and Ladies Meeting a 19:00. All members are invited to attend and become involved in their church

TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY - Weekly signing practise at Gaby and Adriaan's home at 19:00

EASTER WEEK-END: Youth Camp in Kwa-Zulu Natal. All youth are invited to attend. Transport will be provided. Cost is R350.00 per person.

WEDDING INVITATION:

The congregation is invited to attend the wedding of Marga and Kalie on the **29th April 2006**. Kindly indicate your intention to attend the wedding by add your name to the list posted on the bulletin board.

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY: 29th January – Tea after morning service (Ladies on duty are Veronica, Tippy, Celest, Gillian and Lucinda.)

WEDNESDAY: 1st February – Ladies Morning Classes at 10:00. The Topi will be "Our Spiritual Warfare" Ephesians 6: 10 – 20 God has a plan for you.

WEDNESDAY: 1st February at 19:00 – Bible Study – The Study of 1 Corinthians with Bill Elliott commences.

FRIDAY: 3rd February at 19:00 – Youth

All prayer requests or news items for the bulletin are to be forwarded to Pamela Grange before Friday at 12:00. Cell: 082 898 8083 Work: Tel 745 2081 Home 735 4612 E-Mail hpls.granger@absamail.co.za

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